

Church Book  
Registry of the  
Congregation

Book I  
Church  
Book of  
Registry  
1836  
to  
1857

1844



<sup>Christian</sup> Copy of the Organization of the  
Church of Jesus Christ at Ghent, Ky.

Ghent Gallatin Cty. Ky.

May 17<sup>th</sup> 1836

We the under-signed having previously  
given ourselves to the Lord; do hereby  
agree to give ourselves to one another  
according to his word, to live together  
as the church of Jesus Christ laying down  
all creeds & confusions of faith and  
taking the word of God the Holy Scriptures  
as the rule and guide of our faith  
and practice.

Names of members.

Carter T. Johnston  
Margaret Johnston

Eli Chin  
Elizabeth Chin

Jesse Lindsay  
Doshia Lindsay  
Lucannah Lindsay

Lucinda Smith  
Isaiah Craig  
Nancy Craig

Alexander Thompson  
Sam'l Thompson  
Elizabeth Murphery

Names of members -

Thompson Blanton  
Emmeley Craig

John A. Lindsay  
Alcy Ann Lindsay

William Davis  
Rody Davis

Copied by Jessie E. Jandy  
Ghent Ky. May 5-1936.

This is a copy of the  
original manuscript  
now in possession of  
Mrs. Margaret Lindsay Sebes  
grand daughter of the  
above -

Jesse & Doshia Lindsay -  
Jesse Lindsay was one of  
the original elders of the church.



Copy of the original  
minutes of the meeting to  
organize the Church of Jesus  
Christ - in Hunt Ky.

May 17<sup>th</sup> 1936



Book - I

Church Book or Registry of  
the Christian Congregation in Ghent



At a meeting of the Christian Church in Kent 14,  
the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in April 1845 the under signed  
was chosen Clerk he was presented with this book  
and requested to transcribe the Constitution of the  
Church with the then names, as the former record  
was kept on scraps of paper so that nothing could be  
known as to day and date of the reception, dismissed  
or exclusion of members, <sup>in the interval</sup> between 1836 and 1845  
Consequently he is under the necessity of appending  
the names up to this date without reference to  
the date of their reception J. B. Fandy



The Christian Church at Great Key  
 Was Constituted the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May in  
 the Year of our Lord one thousand eight  
 hundred and Thirty Six by Eld John Roberts  
 We whose names are hereunto Subscribed  
 do give our selves in a holy Covenant to  
 each other and to the Lord to Keep  
 the Ordinances of the house of God  
 taking the Holy Scriptures as our only  
 rule of faith and practice

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Names

Isaac Ramey	Elders dismised by Letter
Jesse Lindsay	

John Knox	Elders dismised by Letter
Daniel Gardner	
Jas B Sandy	Dismised by Letter
Joshua Smithson	
Susannah Gardner	



Names Continued

Dosha Lindsay

Suenda Smith, dismissed by letter Jan 1856

Jan Berry + dismissed by letter " 1856

William Davis, Gone out from

Henry Ranney amongst us - Excluded

Patsy Ranney Deceased

Molly Ann Knapp dismissed by letter

Elizabeth Knapp " by letter

John L Sanders, Deceased

Sarah Sanders,

Eliza Farris +

Polley Ranney Junr. +

John G. Stevenson

Marth Stevenson } by letter March 4<sup>th</sup> 1855

Mary Spicer

Matilda Spicer

Mary Nighswonger Sen

Francis Nighswonger

Mary Nighswonger Junr dismissed by letter  
Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 1855 - Moved  
to Liberty, Ill



1844

Names continued

John M. Gardner,

William Thompson, Dead

Sarah Thompson, +

Elizabeth Dinwoody, +

William Garis

Hugh An Garis.

Sarah Blodson

David &amp; Garis, Excluded

Robert Elling

Mary Ellis

Levy McLean

Jane McLean

Polly Thompson +

Miss Thompson +

George Shearley

Polly Shearley

Sarah Rowley,

Lydia Lindsay

Polly Ramey, Sus

Nancy Owen

Received

Dismissed  
by letter

Excluded

Deaths

1

1

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1844

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8

5



Date of membership

1845

Names Continued

with dates of membership

Excluded

May 26 Diana Bledsoe +

Joel Ellis { Dismissed by

Jane Ellis { Letter

June 4 Abraham Bledsoe

" Juliet Ellis

" Lydia Blanton

Deceased

" Mary Mason Dismissed by Letter

" ~~Thomas~~

" Miss Susan Harris +

Gone

" Charles M. Duncanson +

Gone

" 5 Joel Bledsoe

" 22 Washington Graham

56

25 Frank Bledsoe

Deceased

July 27 R. H. D. Smith +

never attends

Excluded

" " Jesse Hilt +

" " John Watter +

" " Catharine Watter +

" " Mrs. Rachel Bledsoe +

- John Beard

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William Haregroue 1  
Margaret Haregroue 1  
David Ellis with drawn  
Alexander Bell x  
Isaac Priddy dismissed by letter

Andrew Scantland  
Elizabeth Scantland

Harrett Reed by letter x  
Alfred Reed x  
John Beard Restored

A Bell x

Moses Steward x dismissed

Mrs Steward x

Maryann Bodoinot dismissed

James H Lindsay  
Elizabeth Lindsay



Lucy Bridges now Stigers  
Eliza Bridges moved off  
Naoma Jacobs x

Oct Reuben Craig dismissed by Letter  
1849 Mary Jane Craig " " "  
Nov 2 ~~Wm H Bourne~~ Excluded

Aug 17  
1846

1849 Juliann Bourne

1849 Nancy Jane Jacobs +

~~Edw Smith~~ x

Polly Ann Meam

Priscilla Tandy

Marine Briscoe + dismissed

Moses Stevans x Excluded

Allen Jacobs + moved off

Mary Owen

Priscilla Lindsay

John J Martin expelled Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 1846  
James Jackson



Elijah Grayham dismissed by Letter  
 Mary Grayham " "  
 Julia Wapleghurst +  
 George Cooper } dismissed by Letter  
 Elizabeth Cooper } Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1852

1852

Oct 17 Hubble Forster } by Letter  
 " " Miss Catharine Forster }  
 " " Jas. S. Frank } by Letter dismissed by Letter  
 " " W<sup>m</sup> B. Forsee } Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1858  
 " " Leticia Forsee  
 " " Ann M. Forsee  
 " " Mary Forsee dismissed by Letter May 1859  
 " " ~~Martha~~ Forsee x Deserted  
 20 Mrs Anna Stewart  
 21 William Adams + Excluded  
 " Mrs Margaret Adams x " "  
 26 Clabourn Bledsoe deserted  
 " Miss M. Rollins dismissed by Letter  
 " Mrs Elizabeth Graham } dismissed by Letter  
 Nov 29 1853

10 - 3x



Miss Emma Robinson by Letter <sup>by Letter</sup> dismissed

" E T Fisher by Confession <sup>dismissed by Letter</sup>

William McClure

Zantappa McClure <sup>by Letter</sup>

Sarah Grimes <sup>by Letter</sup> <sup>dismissed by Letter</sup>

Nov 20 Isaac Hardie

Mary Hardie <sup>by Confession</sup>

# Hugh G Smith. by Letter <sup>dismissed Jan</sup> <sup>by Letter</sup> 1856

Mrs R. A. Jones

Larkin F. Sanders

Mrs Eliza Bridges

Miss Josephine Ellis by Letter

E. Still Duford

Lorena Sanders

Excluded

Josephine Lindsay

Aug 1856 Elizabeth Bledsoe dismissed by Letter

Mrs Hannah A. Martin

Miss E. Martin dismissed by Letter

" M E Stewart dismissed by Letter No 1858

Samuel Forsee

dismissed by Letter

Joseph Bridges

19. Excluded



Samuel Bledsoe

Nicholas Horsec <sup>drowned by Letter</sup>  
Expelled 1856 Restored

Sidney Bledsoe <sup>drowned by Letter</sup> Oct 1858

Mrs Blanton <sup>Dead</sup>

Mrs Ellis

David Bridger

Richard Martin

Benj<sup>r</sup> H Steward departed this life

John A Stewart <sup>drowned by Letter</sup>

John Green <sup>Excluded</sup>

Miss Serilda Rollins <sup>drowned by Letter</sup>

Jane Owens

Addy Kyle

30  
Mr Baum

Miss Emily McIntosh (Hill) Mrs Chas Duncan

J. J. Franklin <sup>drowned</sup>

Sarah B. Franklin <sup>by Letter</sup> <sup>by Letter</sup>

1854 Nancy Means

Mary Foster

~~Josephine Elder~~



At a meeting of the Christian Congregation  
at Ghent Ky the meeting being  
called to order by Bro J. Lindsey Elder  
Bro Reubin Craig was unanimously Chosen  
Elder to act in conjunction with Bro  
Lindsey Bro J B Sandy was Chosen Clerk  
There being no further business the meeting  
was dismissed.

Saturday

April

1852

The Church met for Church  
purposes it was reported that Brother  
D G Owens had been guilty of intoxication  
& Bro Brown had been guilty of similar  
offence & also profane swearing where  
upon the Church appointed Bro Scudder  
R. Craig as Committee to see the offe  
nding Brothers and report on Satur  
day the 10<sup>th</sup> Inst at which time there  
being no Elder present the meeting  
adjourned to meet Saturday 24. Inst 3 o'clock



Saturday 3 o'clk April 24<sup>th</sup> 1852

The Church met pursuant to Adjournment  
Bro Sunday being absent Bro Spicer was  
Called to Preside over the Meeting  
Bro A. M. Scantlin appointed to See the  
offending Brother Reported that he had  
Seen Bro. Owen & Bro Bourn who  
acknowledged the sin they were charged  
with Brother Owen acknowledged he  
had sworn & had been drunk & was  
very sorry for it but would not  
Come to the Church and make acknow-  
ledgment that he did not wish to be  
tryed by the devil The members  
was of unanimous opinion that Bro  
Owen & Bro Bourn should not be  
retained as members So they stand  
excluded from this Congregation

Bro Bourn refused to attend  
the meeting



Brother B K Smith of Ind was  
employed by the Church as their evangelist  
commencing his Labours on Saturday before  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> Lords day July 1852 to continue each  
Month at \$10. a trip until Circumstances  
may require a Change.

Grant - Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1852 3<sup>rd</sup> Lords  
day Brother B K Smith delivered a  
discourse on Spiritual influence at  
the Close Bro Hubble Foster & daughter  
from Burlington Boone County Ky  
presented themselves for membership  
and was received  
Sunday night; Br J S Grand presented a  
Letter from the Church at Warsaw and was  
received into the fellowship of the Brethren also  
Bro M<sup>r</sup> B Foster wife and three daughters  
from the Church in Hoggins Neighbourhood  
presented themselves for membership and  
was received in full fellowship



= during the Continuance of the meeting  
William Adams & Wife Came forward  
Made the Good Confession was ~~Immured~~  
And Added to the Church Mrs  
Steward was Reclaimed

Oct 16 Miss M. Rollins & Labourer Bledsoe

Made Confession and was Immured and added  
to the Church Mrs Elizabeth Graham presented  
a Letter from the Baptist <sup>Church</sup> at Emmaus Green Ct,  
And was received as a Member of this Christ  
Church The Meeting Closed Oct 26 1852 having  
been Continued 11 days - (J B Tandy Clk)

November & December meeting not recorded  
Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1853 -

Bro W H Smith Commenced a  
meeting being his regular Monthly appo-  
intment at Night Sister Emma Roberson  
presented a Letter of Commendation from  
Indianapolis Church & was received a Member  
of this Congregation Mr E J Fisher  
Made Confession & was Baptized on Sunday  
the 16<sup>th</sup> and was added to the Church



Monday January the 17<sup>th</sup> 1853 -

The members of the Church met at 10 o'clock for the purpose of attending to Church business the meeting organized with Bro Lindray in the (Chair Moderator) after Prayers by Elder Smith the following propositions was submitted and adopted Bro H Foster was unanimously Chosen Elder

Bro Jas S Franks was appointed Treasurer  
The Elders of the Church were instructed to employ a Sexton

A Subscription was passed round for the purpose of raising funds for Church purposes ~~and~~ and 146 dollars obtained which is expected to be added to -

It was proposed & Carried that the Contribution made on Sunday should be set apart for a fund for the support of destitute members

It was proposed and Carried that whenever a member moves of that the Clerk shall send him a Letter of Dismissal stating his Good or bad Standing



Resolved by the Church that the Elders  
be requested to examine the List of Names  
on the Church Book & report the No in Good  
Standing whose names remain on the book  
who is not in full fellowship

It was proposed & Carried that the  
Last Thursday in each year shall be  
set apart for the purpose of attending to  
the Financial duties of the Church such  
as providing the means for the ensuing year  
for Preaching & other Church purposes  
And at which time the Elders and  
all the Officers of the Church shall make  
a report of their Stewardship & disbursements  
for the year ending

The building Community presented the  
Report of Cost of improvement of Church  
which was Received & Can discharged  
There being no farther business after a  
discourse from Br Mavity from 17<sup>th</sup> John  
The Meeting Closed till the 3<sup>rd</sup> Lord  
day & Saturday Night before in Feb  
L B Landy CR

April 17 1843



Bro B W Smith attended his regular  
appointments February & March

April 19 1833- On ~~Lord~~ On Third Lords day in  
April being Bro B W Smiths regular  
appointment After or at the Close of the Service  
Bro M McGlore of Spencer Creek Congregation  
Montgomery Cty Ky presented a letter and  
was received as a member of this Congregation  
Sister Zantappa McGowan presented a Letter  
from the Christian Church at Mt Serliss Ky  
And was received a member of the  
Congregation the Meeting Continued

June 19 3<sup>rd</sup> Lords day  
Bro B W Smith being with us at  
his regular appointment Sister Sarah  
Grimes presented a Letter from Mt Zion  
Church Clark Cty Ky & was recd in full  
fellowship



Bro Smith filling his appointments  
regularly on the third Lords day in  
each Month

Third Lords day Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1853

Preaching by Bro Smith, Isaac Hardin  
& wife came forward made Confession  
& was Immersed & added to the Church

Bro Hugh G Smith was received by  
Letter on Monday 21 Nov Sister ~~Sister~~  
Sarah Gurnes was dismissed by Letter

Nov 22 Sister R A Jones took Membership  
& was Rec'd into the Fellowship of the Church

Nov 23 Bro L F Sanders reclaimed &

Rec'd into Fellowship of the Church

And also 6 others came forward & made

Confession John Green 2 Miss Martens & 2

Las Stords <sup>Mr Blanton</sup> Sons

Nov 24 four came

forward & made Confession Miss Stewart

Miss Lindsay Betty Bladson Miss Estelle

Dufour Nov 25 at night after service by Bro

Smith & Thornbury an invitation was extended  
to converts when Eight came



forward & made Confession by Letter  
Bledsoe Jo Bridges Saml Horse Dave  
Bridges Sidney Bledsoe Mr Ellis  
Miss Lorina Sanders Miss Hill  
Sunday after preaching & came forward  
& by Confession & Reinstated by Rich Martin  
& Mrs Eliza Bridges Miss Rolfe & Miss  
Rollins at the Sanction Miss Jo Ellis  
by Letter all those Baptized on Saturday  
took Memberships Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
Continued Jane Owen made Confession  
& was Baptized Nov 28 at night  
Miss Adaline Kile came forward & made  
Confession Nov 29 at night after Preach-  
ing by Bro Thornberry Mr Brown came  
forward and made Confession  
Bro & Graham wife & daughter apply  
ed for Letters which was granted  
Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Bro. Smith was in  
Attendance at his regular appointment  
his labours closed for the Year 1853—



Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1853 Preaching by Bro B. K. Smith  
At night Miss McIntosh Came forward  
and made Confession

This 3 Lords day in March Bro  
Marion Smith was baptized  
this Congregation by Letter  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lords day in June 1854  
Bro Joseph J. Hordman & wife Sarah  
Lords day presented letter of baptism  
and were received into the church  
and on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 1854  
Bro B. K. Smith held a meeting  
August 4<sup>th</sup> Horton came forward and  
made a publick profession of his faith  
in Christ & was immersed & added  
to the Church. Sister Mary Horton was  
received by common consent  
also David H. Salzer & Melitt Salzer.  
Mary Snyder Horton J. Horton & Mary A.  
Horton meeting closed Sunday 25 1854



At a Church Meeting Sunday  
July 8<sup>th</sup> 1853 Miss Lorna Sanders  
and Miss Adda Kyle was dismissed  
from the fellowship of the Church  
L B Gandy Clerk

Six Lords day July 1853  
Sister Elizabeth Justis & Annina Rhythe  
was Rec'd Members by Letter from Warsaw  
= ans

Fourth Lords day Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 1856 the Church  
excluded John J. Martin for disorderly Conduct  
Bro B. D. Forsee was charged with drunkenness  
and betting on the election the Case was  
laid over untill next meeting

Sunday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 1856 the Church met at the  
usual Hour the Case of Bro B. D. Forsee came up  
on a full investigation he not being present  
he was excluded for unchristian Conduct  
after attending to the Regular Service they adjourned  
L B Gandy Clerk



List of Names Continued  
David H Salyers dismf by Letter  
Amelia H Salyers " "  
Mary Snyder  
Horton J Foster  
Margaret Foster  
Miss Amanda Smith  
Miss Elizabeth ~~Gutter~~ Jester  
" Amena Blythe

July 1856 Geo W Allmont &  
" 17 wife

July 20 Mrs Mary W Craig joined the Baptist  
1856 Dec 1 Martha Bayley by Letter  
out William Howard

" " James L Smith

" " Mary Smith

" " Mrs John Sutherland

" " H A Landy +

" " Cynthia Beckline

Nov 20 Math

John H Ellis =



1857

Martha A Patchet Davis

Elizabeth Howard =

Emily McClure

Mr Garrett

Mrs. Gamet

Aug 28 Nancy Sanders united

" 31 D & Owen Restona

Sept 2 P & Ellis Restona

" Sally S Dunn by Letter  
John N Higgins & Wife

Miss Kitty Tompkins

Mrs Mary A Green

Miss Manerva Green

Mrs S A Blesing

" Caroline Crawford

Mrs Gran Hudson

Adaline Mrs Hill Black Girl —

1858  
Feb 1 Elder John Roberts —

George Chamlin departed this life 1858

Jas McIntosh

Mary McIntosh



Marah McIntosh miss Maria Hill

Mary Etta Ellis

Mrs A H Shinn <sup>dis</sup> by letter

Isabella Rollins

Eliz<sup>ab</sup> Johns

John F Fisher =

John Will Ellis

Jane A Burnaugh

Henry M'Intosh (Henry Hill)

Cornelius Crawford =

Sally belonging to Mrs Jones

Sally " " " Paterson

Louisa ~~Bedd~~ ~~Sh~~ ~~and~~ ~~and~~

Miss Smith

" Smith

J F Means =



Church Ky

Edw B F Franklin Commenced a meeting  
here Thursday night August 27<sup>th</sup> 1857 ~~which~~ &  
Closed Sept 3 - which resulted in the follow-  
ing addition to Messiah Kingdom Sally S.  
Dunn by Letter S & Owen & Dr P L Ellis restored  
Nancy Sanders united from the Baptist  
John W Hoggis & wife Miss Kitty Tompkins  
Mrs Mary A Green Miss Mary Green Mrs S A Blessing  
Mrs N B Crawford Mrs G. Hudson & ~~Adeline~~ <sup>Adeline</sup> Black  
Girl belonging to Mrs Hill making in all 13  
members the meeting closed

Church Ky

Edw Rains of Morris Ky

Commenced a meeting here Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 1858  
which is in progress Feb 1 Elder John  
Roberts united with the Church by Letter  
from the Christian Church at New Marion  
Vigley County Ind



at a meeting held by <sup>Bro</sup> B F Franklin and  
John A Gons Commencing on ~~the~~ Saturday  
before the second Lords day in June 1858 and  
Closed the 21 of said month Resulted in  
the following additions to Messiah Kingdom  
Jane A Burnaugh Mariah McIntosh May  
E Ellis Mary McIntosh Isabelle Rollins  
Elyza J Johns Mrs H A Shenn John T John  
Jas McIntosh Henry McIntosh John W  
Ellis Cornelius Crawford Louisa Beecher  
Miss Smith Miss Smith Sally  
Black Girl of Mrs Jones Sally Black Girl of  
Mrs Pattison J F Means



Early - Minutes of Great Christian Church

According to the foregoing records it is found that the first regular minister employed by the congregation was <sup>in</sup> July 1852 Bro. B. H. Smith of Indiana. who was employed at \$10<sup>00</sup> a trip to begin his labors the ~~3rd~~ Lord's Day July 1852. to continue <sup>one</sup> each month. Bro. B. H. Smith's labors closed for the year Dec. 17-1853.

Bro. Joseph J. Franklin and wife, Sarah G. Franklin, presented letters of commendation June 1854. Bro. Benj. F. Franklin began a meeting

July 19-1854 closing July 25-1854

Bro. Thornburg, a pioneer preacher of this period held revivals for the Great Church in 1853.

Eld. B. F. Franklin held a meeting a weeks meeting in Aug & Sep. 1857.

Eld. Barnes of Paris Ky. held a meeting Jan. 26 1858

Eld. John Roberts united with the church by letter Feb. 1st -

1858



Early Ministers of Ghost Christian Church Continued

Elder Germaine was <sup>regular</sup> minister in Mar. 1860



Ministers of Ghost Christian Church -

(1870-72) Dr. J. W. Barbee of Columbia Ky -

1872-84 Eld. William Pickerton Sr.

1880-82 Eld. John T. Hawkins

(1883-85) Elder Geo. B. Wagner and part of 1886

1886: From May to Dec. 31st Bro. J. H. Crutcher - Lexington

(1887 to 1890) Bro. Wm. H. Pickerton - Ghost Ky -

(1891-1892) - Bro. J. M. Bailey - Ky -

(1893-1894) Bro. C. C. Brown - Union City Tenn.

(1895-1896) Bro. D. J. Busk - Ky -

1897 - Bro. Lee Cartwright

(1898-1900) - Bro. W. J. Loos - Lexington Ky

(1901-1910) - Bro. J. B. Gayle - Sulphur Ky -

1911-1912) - Bro. Ray H. Montgomery -

(1913-1915) - Bro. Ernest B. Motley - Virginia

1916-1917 - Bro. Keller

1918 - Bro. Stair

(1919-1921) Bro. J. A. Alexander

(22-29) Bro. C. C. Omer - Sturgis Ky -

1930 - Bro. Reed (Isaac)

1931-1932 Bro. Norvel Kearns

1933-1936 - Bro. C. G. Ribble



Ministers Ghent Christian Church -

1938-39 Bro. A. V. Mc Connell.

1939-1941 Bro. Ardrey Russell

1942-1943 Bro. William C. Newman Ohio

1944 Bro. Harrywood Gray - Ky -